(c) if not, the reason therefor; and

(d) whether Government have decided to call the meeting of this association regularly, if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): (a) to (d) Office Order No. F. 2 / 3 / 97-SCT / B dated 9.1.2001 issued by Department of Economic Affairs (Banking Division), Ministry of Finance, Government of India, mentions *inter-alia*, that the Chief Executives of the public sector banks / financial institutions may meet the representatives of the OBC Employees Associations atleast twice in a year and the time gap between the two meetings should not be more than six months. The instructions issued by the Banking Division is meant for implementation in the banking sector. However, discussion by the management of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) with the representatives of OBC including All India LIC OBC Employee Welfare Association are being held on an informal basis at different levels and their grievances are redressed within the framework of rules and regulations governing LIC.

Overhauling of concessional loans

†577. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to overhaul the norms under which concessional loans and external grants are being sourced *via* International Development Agency;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether government have also taken up the matter with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to delink the concessional loans from stringent conditionalities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.